



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held July 29, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“In 1972, the Federal Clean Water Act required the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish guidelines for water quality. These guidelines are known as Total Maximum Daily Loads or ‘TMDLs.’ In recent years, a consent decree in a lawsuit between the EPA and local advocacy groups has been issued that mandates the County and the cities in the County significantly reduce levels of various contaminants in urban and storm water runoff on a schedule provided for in the decree. Public Works estimates that the first four TMDLs involving trash and bacteria will cost in the neighborhood of \$1 billion over the next 20 years. More than 60 TMDLs remain to be adopted over the next 10 years, with cost estimates for compliance not yet available. From 1972 until 1995, the Federal government awarded grants amounting to more than \$500 million to local agencies to assist in water treatment efforts. However, the Federal government eliminated any assistance to local government for water clean-up standards on local jurisdictions.

“The City of Los Angeles has passed a similar resolution and intends to join with environmental organizations and any other groups that might share this position, including the National and State Association of Counties, to lobby the Federal and State governments for assistance.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Chief Administrative Officer was instructed to support the reestablishment of a shared funding formula that includes local, State and Federal funding to pay for the implementation of Total Maximum Daily Loads "TMDLs" mandated to significantly reduce levels of various contaminants in urban and storm water runoff.

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